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RABBI SOLOMON B. FREEHOF, D.D.

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CHICAGO

January 2,
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful
letter with regard to Pittsburgh.

I am having a very sad time of it now
with my friends looking at me reproachfully
as a deserter, but I hope that once I begin
in Pittsburgh I will forget the grief at having
to part and shall be absorbed in the work of
the moment.

You will be in Chicago on the 7th, speak-
ing in the morning and the evening. We ought to
be able to meet in the afternoon. Write me what
hour you are likely to be free in the afternoon,
and I shall save that time so that we can meet.
I presume you will dine with Dean Gilkey. Per-
haps you would like to have a reason for leaving
a little early. Suppose you call me at the
Aragon, Fairfax 8000, at 1:30 P. M., and you
will find me waiting to see you. It is not far
from Gilkey's house.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

As ever

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THE JULIUS ROSENWALD ESSAY CONTEST

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE

71 WEST 47TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

January 3, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105 St & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have not answered your note of December 22 in regard to the Julius Rosenwald Essay Contest as I have been away for a while.

I think your suggestion is a very good one and if you have any one who wants to put up some money to start another contest we can again assemble the committee to start the machinery up again, but I am afraid I will not be able to take part again as I have had enough annoyance during the past three years from all sorts of people who participated in this contest. Quite a number of them were cranks who had all kinds of schemes for the saving of Jewish people. In one case a man, not being satisfied with the welfare of the Jewish people in this world, worked out a full plan for the heavenly comforts and the various compartments in heaven were painted in different colors so we can make no mistake where our part would be.

Sometimes I wonder whether the whole effort was worthwhile and whether after all the mountain did not give birth to a mouse. The people who actually had the better essays had done this work before the contest started and those who were stimulated by the contest perhaps would have been better off if they had not received the benefit of this stimulus.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. B. B. B.

SB:EM

January 5, 1934.

Mr. Isidore D. Morrison,
457 West 57th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Morrison:

I am enclosing herewith a note of
congratulations on the occasion of Mr. Herman
Bernstein's Fortieth Anniversary of his
arrival in the United States which you are
celebrating.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK
Encl.

1-6-34

Mr. Herman Bernstein has been a valuable asset to America and to Israel. America has enjoyed in the literary activities of Mr. Bernstein a type of courageous journalism which a great Democracy stands in need of at all times. He brought to his profession expert knowledge, wide experience and social vision. He has been one of the outstanding champions of international reconciliation and cooperation.

He has served the Jewish people with utmost faithfulness and devotion. His pen has always been at the service of those great movements in Jewish life which make for its enrichment and ennoblement. I am happy that Mr. Herman Bernstein is still in the full vigor of his career and that his services will still be at the command of those great human causes which today stand in such dire need of intelligent and courageous advocates.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Am sending you under separate cover a complimentary copy of my book American Patriotic Devotions. I have been greatly encouraged by the constructive criticisms I have received for the coming edition to be printed before April. Page 61 I have used a verse from your Scriptures and have given credit only in the New Testament. This will be corrected. Also in reference to the Holy Scriptures following each verse I will give the version and not use the words Jewish, Catholic, Protestant. I shall also omit all prayers not definitely connected with great characters or outstanding incidents in our national life. The coming book will embody the judgment of our best historians north and south to aid teachers and clergymen in a chapel exercise to present a religious fact without offence.

I am making a special study of the prayers used in Chapel exercises in schools, colleges, universities, penal institutions, in the army and navy, and in the legislative assemblies. I find that more than seventy-five per cent of the prayers in Congress in Washington to be offensive not only to your own group, but to Universalists and Unitarians. They not only pay the Chaplain out of public funds contributed by all, but in the previous session they printed 5,000 copies of Dr. Montgomerie's prayers at a cost of \$1,900.00. My own Congressman has pledged himself to see that is never repeated.

Rabbis in New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, and Columbus have my book. Also the Rabbi in Birmingham, Alabama, and in Macon, Georgia, and Rabbi David Phillipson in Cincinnati. I had hoped to have the new and perfected edition ready for the coming session of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, but so much is involved and the proof sheets are to be sent to all groups for their approval before final publication. If some word of approval could be given the Ploch Publishing Company of 31 West 31st street they would handle it for your people.

I carried a fourteen dollar add in Ohio Schools a publication that had a more than 40,000 subscription list and received two orders. Paragraphs two and three in the foreward were presented in the form of a resolution at the Columbus preachers meeting last August when the leading men were on their vacations, and eleven men supported the resolution

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but twenty-three were opposed. That is my problem in spreading this idea throughout the nation.

I have many encouragements. Our State Senate of which I am Chaplain purchased from the printer 500 copies of the book at actual cost of printing, and they are distributed in 260 public libraries in Ohio, and in the state institutions where we have the different racial and religious groups and hold religious services. They will also send a book in leather binding to each state senate and house of representatives to be loaned to the Chaplains for their use during the session. I must carry out my work carefully as not to offend my own group.

Rabbi Samuel Schulman in New York, and David Phillipson in Cincinnati, and Rabbi Gup and Tarshish here have greatly encouraged me in this venture. And to my great surprise the Catholic Priests have been unusually kind in their response to my humble effort.

Hoping to meet you personally at the coming pastors convention, I am,

Sincerely,

E. E. Matheny
E. E. Matheny,

January 5th, 1934.

Welfare Association of the Sightless of Ohio

FOREST CITY COUNCIL, No. 1
CLEVELAND, OHIO

3320 De Sota Avenue,
January 6, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Ansel Road Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have written you concerning a bill which I have before Congress in the interest of the sightless of this country. Since I last wrote you this bill has received the endorsement of almost every religious, civic, and social group of Cleveland, including the Ministerial Association and the Federated Churches. A general citizens committee is being formed which will be headed by Dr. Dan F. Bradley. The purpose of this committee is to bring before Congress the importance of this bill to the sightless both from an economic and social point of view. A national campaign is now on, and we in Cleveland are doing our part.

My purpose in writing you is to ask you to lend your name to the cause and to serve on this committee. You can do much for it, I am sure. Will you please get in touch with me early in the week and tell me your intentions? Naturally, I want a solid Jewish support. Bishop McFadden has also endorsed the bill and our movement, and I believe that we are about ready now to make ourselves heard. Any suggestions you have to offer will be appreciated.

Very sincerely,

Levin A. Robinson
Executive Director.

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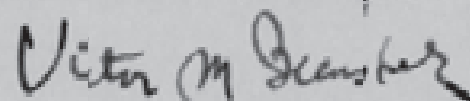
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing comments we have received from prominent members of the clergy in connection with your article on the German Church. If you have no objection to their publication, I think they will form an interesting commentary on the attitude of clergymen here.

Copies of the article were sent to approximately twenty-five outstanding ministers in the City, but the majority of them have not yet replied.

I would appreciate the return of these letters when you have done with them.

Sincerely yours,



Victor M. Bienstock
News Editor

VMB:B

January 8, 1934.

Mr. Louis Yale Borkon, Editor,
Jewish Leader,
602-603 Investment Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Borkon:

Please pardon the long delay in
answering your kind letter of November 29th.
I shall be pleased to serve on the national
committee which you are organizing in tribute
to the half century of public service of
Rabbi Aaron M. Ashinsky.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BRK

January 6, 1934.

Mr. William Berman, Commander-in-Chief,
Jewish War Veterans,
16 Court Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Berman:

I am very much interested in your proposed Jewish Economic Institute and I hope that you will keep me informed from time to time as regards the progress of your work. If it takes the line suggested in my article "National Planning", I believe that it will make a major contribution to American Jewish life.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AMS:BX

January 9, 1934.

Mr. Leonard A. Robinson,
3320 De Sota Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

While I am not entirely clear concerning the bill which you have before Congress in the interest of the sightless of this country and while I hesitate to endorse projects with which I am not entirely acquainted, the fact that the Ministerial Association and the Federated Churches have endorsed it, lead me to think that this cause is a worthy one and you may use my name in endorsing it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

THE PARK SCHOOL OF CLEVELAND
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MARY E. PIERCE, DIRECTOR

January 9, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard,
Cleveland.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Park School of Cleveland after an extended discussion of the question which you raised as to the Christmas exercises, it was suggested that I write to you.

It was the opinion of the Board that while the Christmas exercises, when viewed from the cultural rather than the strictly religious point of view, have become so much a part of the life of the School during the past fifteen years, as of virtually all other private schools here and elsewhere, that it would be impracticable to eliminate them without a distinct loss, yet in deference to the wishes of individual parents matters should be so arranged that no child will be placed in a position of embarrassment by being asked to take part if his or her parents do not approve.

We trust you will feel that the members of the Board have dealt fairly with the problem as it is their earnest desire to do.

Very truly yours,

HTC-mo

Harold T. Clark

Chairman of the Board.

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January 9, 1934.

Dr. Isidor Singer,
3530 Decatur Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Singer:

What a marvel you are! Your fertile brain is evolving constantly great plans. How well I recall your first interview with me on the subject of the Jewish Encyclopedia, the magnum opus whereof you were the father. That mighty task you brought to a successful completion by your indefatigable energy and your never say die spirit. May you prove equally successful with this new literary venture which you are now projecting.

You are performing a remarkable service in the cause of human brotherhood and religious tolerance by making available to a larger public the fine thoughts of great Christian spirits who in their writings answered in the affirmative the burning prophetic queries, "Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us?"

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely Yours,

DAVID PHILIPSON

Honorary President Central Conf. of Amer. Rabbis

January 10, 1934.

Mr. Victor Bienstock,
Jewish Daily Bulletin,
132 East 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bienstock:

Thank you so much for sending me copies of the letters which you received from the Christian clergymen. I am afraid that there are all too few of them just yet to make a worthwhile story. Should you receive any additional letters, please let me see them and I will then advise you whether you should proceed with the original plan.

You may be interested in a letter which I sent to John Hayes Holmes in reply to his comment on my editorial and I am enclosing a copy herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely you

AHS:BK
Enc.

*Not sent
submitted instead*

January 11, 1934.

Mr. Louis B. Seltzer, Editor,
The Cleveland Press,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Seltzer:

You were kind enough to call me up last Saturday and generously offer the services of The Cleveland Press to give publicity to the coming of Mr. Sherwood Eddy to The Temple Forum on Wednesday. I deeply appreciated your interest. I requested the office to mail you literature on Mr. Eddy as well as his photograph. About all the publicity that appeared in the Cleveland Press on Mr. Eddy's lecture was the enclosed clipping. I write this letter not because I was naturally disappointed, but because this clipping, small as it is, is the only announcement that the Press has given to all our Forum lectures this year and we have now had seven important Forum meetings. Every week, publicity and sometimes photographs are sent down but for one reason or another they are never used. I wonder whether there is somebody in the organization who is not friendly to our institution? I am at a loss otherwise to account for this situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

National Committee

The Birthday Ball for the President

January 11, 1934.

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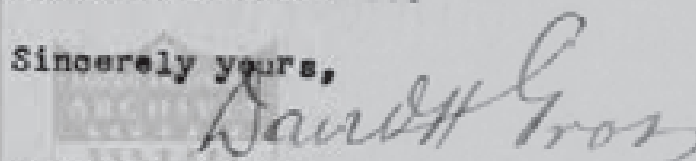
Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find literature pertaining to the Birthday Ball for the President and the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.

Of course, your Temple will plan something for that date. I know that you will take care of that, as you are a personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID H. CROSS
National Committee
The Birthday Ball for the President.

DHG:W
Encl.



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Managing Director of the Carter Hotel
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Dear Rabbi Silver,

In our Spring announcement number we are making a forecast of our list for the Fall. I wonder if you would permit me to announce your book for publication next Fall.

Sincerely yours,



Chaim Z. Lurie

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:- Will you kindly announce in any public bulletin which you may be sending out ~~before~~ Wednesday, January 17th, or from the pulpit, the Open Meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. This will take place at the Heights Temple, at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 17th. The program will consist of a Symposium on "A Challenge to Social Service," with the following speakers: Miss Violet Kittner, executive director of the Jewish Social Service Bureau, "The Private Agency Today;" Mr. Joseph T. Sweeny, commissioner of the Cuyahoga County Relief Administration, "The Function of the Public Agency;" and Mr. Fred Zappolo, director of the Central Bureau for Homeless and Transient Men, - "The Viewpoint of the Unemployed." There will be a social hour and refreshments to close the meeting.

With thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Helena J. Robbins
Director of Publicity

Harry E. Davis
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
202-206 ENGINEERS BUILDING
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January 18, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am wondering if the managers of the lecture course conducted in your Temple would consider a speaker representing or connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. If so I want to suggest Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor of the Crisis, author of a number of works and a well known liberal. Dr. Du Bois is a Ph. D. Harvard and has travelled extensively in Europe and Africa. At present he is lecturing in Atlanta, Georgia, and also writing a history of the Reconstruction era under favor of a Rosenwald Foundation award. I learn he will be available about the middle of March, and I am sure a number of Cleveland people would be glad to hear him.

While at Harvard, Dr. Du Bois was a classmate of Mr. Morris Black whom I believe is a member of your congregation. I am sure he can give you further information.

Yours sincerely,

Harry E. Davis
Harry E. Davis.

HEB:B

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My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will read enclosure with intense interest, not hesitating to extend to me your cooperation, as far as feasible.

In 1657, Menasseh ben Israel wrote his Vindiciae Judaearum which was, to a certain extent, instrumental in Oliver Cromwell's readmitting our Dutch brethren to the British Isles wherefrom their ancestors had been expelled in 1290.

It is my hope that this Yankee XX. Century "Vindiciae Judaearum per Christianos" will at the psychological moment, in its turn, contribute to the reintegration of the poor victims of the Teutonic pogroms into their ancient civil rights.

At this preliminary stage of the preparation of the material which is to be dug out from the trenches of world literature, bibliographical help is the most necessary thing.

Do you, then, perchance have in your own private library, or, do the libraries of your town possess some books, pamphlets or magazines containing material ad hoc, i.e., statements by prominent Gentile scholars and writers on Jews and Judaism? Need I add that every suggestion you may volunteer in this direction will be greatly welcomed?

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Very truly yours,

John H. Finley

January 19, 1934.

Mr. Harry E. Davis,
202-206 Engineers Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 18 and for your suggestion of Dr. Daboie as a speaker on our Lecture Course. Unfortunately our Course for the year is practically over. The last lecture will be by Senator Wagner on February 14th. However we shall be very happy to keep Dr. Du Bois in mind for another year.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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January 19th, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Mr. Albert Woldman has spoken to me a number of times to get the use of my name as a member of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Division of the American Jewish Congress.

Incidentally, he tells me that he has not been able to get you to join the Committee, and has given me the substance of his interview with you.

I have told Mr. Woldman that perhaps the efforts of the local Division of the American Jewish Congress may be at cross purposes with other activities of a kindred nature, and that I thought it well for him to wait launching the project until some discussion might be had between some of the Jewish leaders in the community.

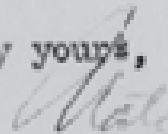
I see that Rabbi Brickner's name has not yet been added to it, while Rabbi Davidowitz and Rabbi Nowak have accepted the appointment.

You will also see on the list the names of Eugene Wolf, Sidney Weitz, George Furth, Max Meisel, Alfred A. Benesch, and Judge Steuer.

Kindly let me hear from you, if possible, within the next few days.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



NL-K

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A COMMENDABLE RECORD

An Editorial Appearing in the January 20th Issue of the
CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Under the leadership of Chief Justice Carl V. Weygandt, the Ohio Supreme Court has made an admirable record for the year past. Its work increased 14 per cent over the previous year, and yet the Court succeeded in keeping abreast of the mass of litigation which descended upon it. Including cases and motions, there were some 935 matters decided in 1933, which compares with 822 matters in 1932. The sheer volume of work devolving upon the state's highest Court constitutes a real problem, quite apart from the challenging character of its labors. The problem of dealing with this ever-increasing burden of work has been met successfully.

This excellent record probably is due in great part to the harmony and willing cooperation of its members, contrasting sharply with the dissension which unhappily marred its efforts some years ago. In no branch of government is there so great a scope for individuality, and consequently no comparable opportunity for such inefficiency due to conflict and dissension. Despite the temptations of intramural disagreement, the Court has functioned as a harmonious unit.

The eventual result of this harmony and willingness to meet the increasing burden is certain to show in terms of a higher quality of judicial work. This, however, is an intangible factor that cannot be evaluated immediately at the close of a year. The prestige of a state supreme bench is not something that rises and falls like the mercury in a thermometer. It is a vague entity which responds after years of patient and sincere labor, and then endures in written opinions of significance and clarity. It is safe to assume that the foundations are being laid for a new and higher status of Ohio's Court in the jurisprudence of the land.

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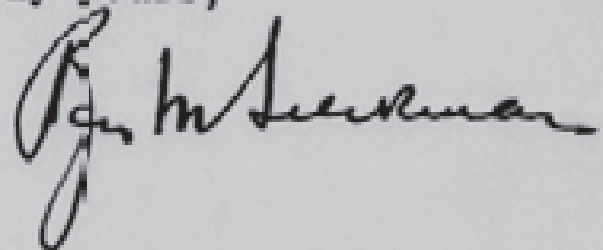
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street at Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very much interested in your article in the Sunday edition of the Jewish Daily Bulletin, especially since I was in a large measure responsible for the preparation of the report which was the basis of the discussion at the Chicago meeting. Not being certain whether you saw a complete copy of the report I am enclosing one.

I have a feeling that our Jewish communities in America are ready for some new type of organization along the lines about which both you and I are interested.

Sincerely yours,



January 22, 1934.

Dr. Arthur J. Culler,
2276 Chatfield Dr.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Culler:

Do you plan to attend the Ohio Pastors' Convention in Columbus next week?

The enclosed resolution was introduced by Senator Tydings of Maryland, in the Senate of the United States. It is a dignified and conservative resolution which expresses the "hope of the people of the United States that the German Reich will speedily alter its policy, restore to its Jewish nationals the civil and political rights of which they have been deprived."

It would be extremely helpful and a gracious act of good will if the Ohio Pastors would go on record as endorsing this resolution of Senator Tydings. If you do not yourself plan to attend this convention, do you know of anyone in Cleveland to whom I could turn over this task of sponsoring the resolution at the Convention?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

C O P Y

THE CLEVELAND SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND
GRASSELLI HOUSE
Cleveland.

January 22, 1934.

Rev. Dan F. Bradley,
The Pilgrim Congressional Church,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Bradley:

I have a letter, signed by you as Chairman of the Citizens Welfare Sightless Committee for the Dunn Bill, inviting me to a luncheon meeting of those interested in the Bill, at the Chamber of Commerce on January 25th.

As President of The Cleveland Society for the Blind, I think you will recognize that I have an interest in the welfare of the blind people so that what I have to say in regard to the Dunn Bill and the propaganda that is being put forward in favor of it is not out of lack of sympathy for the blind.

I am advised by one of the officers of the American Foundation for the Blind that the Foundation has not only not endorsed the Dunn Bill but is opposed to it in its present form. The letterhead, upon which your invitation was written, contains the statement that this bill has been endorsed by the American Foundation, which is a misrepresentation to which I assure you are not consciously a party.

I have not studied the Dunn Bill in detail, but I am advised that it would set up a separate bureau of the Postoffice Department charged with the duty of opening and operating magazine stands in federal buildings, to be conducted by blind persons. It is my understanding that the American Foundation for the Blind, and I think I am safe in saying that the people in Cleveland who have been devoted to the cause of the blind for many years in conducting The Cleveland Society for the Blind, feel that the Dunn Bill in its present form sets up a very elaborate machinery, which is both unnecessary and inadvisable, and that it would establish another bureau in Washington for the spending of taxpayers' money and will accomplish no adequate results for the blind.

It was thought by the Foundation that a beginning could be made through an executive order of the President authorizing such stands in federal buildings, and that the placing of blind people in these stands should be left to the local authorities and not be managed from Washington for the very good reason that stands of this kind would not be successfully conducted by a vast majority of blind people. Such an arrangement as the Foundation favors can be carried out without any substantial expense to the Government by way of salaries to a director of the Bureau, his clerks, and employees, and all of the incidental operating expenses involved.

For the reasons, which have seemed good to the Foundation, I think your committee should give further consideration to the matter before it seeks to support a campaign for the passage of the bill, and particularly for the raising of funds for that purpose.

JBD:HS

Yours very truly,


President.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

January 22, 1934.


Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
Tifereth Israel Congr.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

On February 9 the Washington Hebrew Congregation will have a special service commemorative of Dr. Abram Simon's Thirtieth Anniversary as Rabbi of our Congregation. During the service, it is our purpose to present him with letters of congratulation bound in permanent form, to be termed a "Book of Esteem."

I am writing you to suggest that you send us a letter addressed to Dr. Abram Simon, to be included in this bound volume. Please mail your letter, which should be written on letter size paper 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11, to Joseph Abel, Secretary, Washington Hebrew Congregation, 816 Eighth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,



Chairman, Committee.

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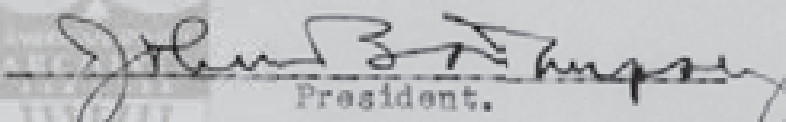
Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of Mrs. Wise, I am sending you herewith copy of my
letter to Reverend Bradley regarding the Dunn Bill.

JED:HS

Enc.

Yours very truly,


President.



Future of Education

With all the talk there is today about technology and the machine age, some clients may wonder what people are to do for a living when the dreams of the technocrats come true. (Let me add, moreover, that I believe that some lay these dreams will be realized.) We have only one stomach and can eat only a limited amount of food. We have only two feet and can wear only a limited number of shoes. There is a limit to what an individual can spend sensibly on food, clothing, shelter and even amusement. No one on this planet has more than twenty-four hours a day. America is gradually approaching a consumption saturation point.

On the other hand, altho we ourselves may have all we need of material things, we must not forget that hundreds of millions of other people are today barely existing. Therefore, before thinking about four-hour days, we should continue to raise crops and make goods for those less fortunate than ourselves. As this is a job of generations rather than mere years, we need not now worry about the dangers of the machine age. So long as one human being is in want of food, clothing or shelter, no right-minded and able-bodied person should be content to work only a few hours a day.

Yet I must grant that *theoretically* the technocrats are right. We are constantly approaching a time when everyone can enjoy a standard of living equivalent to an income of \$10,000 per year by working four hours per day for four days per week under proper organization. (This will come, however, thru the laboratory work by scientists rather than thru legislative work by radicals.) Therefore clients are justified in asking: What will take up the slack? Or, to state the question in another way: What will we do with our spare time? Is there some line of work which can be expanded as the demand for agricultural, construction and industrial workers declines? I believe that there is such a line, and here is my reason.

Altho people can, to their own advantage, consume only a limited amount of food, clothing, shelter and amusements, *there is no limit to their own development, physically, intellectually and spiritually.* Thru breeding, training and character, the possibilities of every race are beyond the dreams of the most visionary. These possibilities put the most progressive technocrat in the ox-cart class. Instead of one Edison, there can easily be a million; instead of one Einstein, there easily could be another million; and so on *ad infinitum*. It is merely a question of proper breeding, training and character.

This development to which I have referred will come about thru increasing the quality and numbers of the teaching profession. My grandson—now in school in Wellesley, Massachusetts—is one of a class of forty-three! Gradually, as parents and taxpayers have more sense, the size of these classes will be reduced to thirty, twenty, ten and even smaller. I forecast the time when each scholar will have one special teacher, and perhaps several specialists as did Helen Keller. Considering the results which her teacher, Miss Sullivan, obtained with this deaf, dumb and blind student, the possibility of universal independent tutoring becomes apparent.

Therefore, as I visualize the future, I see the number of teachers *increase* as the number of agriculturists, skilled laborers and industrial workers *decrease*. Future generations will realize it will be far better for them to do a full day's work themselves and employ *more people* to develop their children physically, intellectually and spiritually. Christian teaching is an industry that can never be overdone, as it is turning out a product of which there can never be a surplus. Even today the safest and most profitable investment is in education.

Whatever social or political systems may be tried in the future, children will always be the greatest assets. Stocks, bonds, bank accounts, insurance policies and real estate holdings may easily pass out of existence. Our children, however, will always be *ours*. Whatever happens to bankers, manufacturers and merchants, the efficient teacher will always be in demand. Moreover, as leisure time increases, the demand for those who can train others physically, intellectually and spiritually will rapidly increase. Even today many families are looking for such persons to come into their homes and guide their boys and girls.

ROGER W. BABSON

THE OHIO SUPREME COURT

(An Editorial Appearing in the January 24th Issue of the
DAYTON DAILY NEWS)

When the people of Ohio elected Carl V. Weygandt chief justice of their supreme court they chose a highly regarded man. The court has now entered upon its second year under Justice Weygandt's leadership. The record of the year has justified the expectation which those who knew the new justice best have held. The court did its work last year under special difficulties. There was the illness and death of Judge Robert H. Day and the illness and resignation of Judge Kinkade. In spite of these handicaps the court performed the heaviest year's work in its 130 years.

The records show 935 matters decided in 1933, as compared with 822 in 1932. This was an increase of about 14 per cent in the quantity of work which the court handled in Judge Weygandt's first year. No one would be prompter than the chief justice to deny that quantity of work done is any substitute for quality. The general impression seems to be, however, that the quality of last year's work by the court was at least equal to that of previous years.

The people of Ohio may congratulate themselves on the progress of their highest court.

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Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is to remind you
that your course in Introduction to the
Bible, which you are scheduled to give at
the Cleveland Institute of Jewish Studies,
will begin on Monday evening, February 5th,
at The Temple. Your period will be from
8 to 9 o'clock.

Anticipating a splendid
attendance, and with best wishes for a
successful semester, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Adeline R. Rosewater

Registrar.

January 26, 1934.

Mr. B.M. Selekman, Exec. Director,
Associated Jewish Philanthropies,
24 Province Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Selekman:

Thank you so much for your kind note of
January 22nd and for the report which you sent me.
I have read it with a great deal of interest and
profit. Our local Welfare Federation has already
appointed a committee to study the whole subject
of community organization and the new scope of the
Federation. It would be helpful if some other
Federations would do likewise.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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January 26th, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Mr. Woldman spoke to me again about the proposed organization of a committee for the Jewish Congress in Cleveland. I asked him to withhold action until the matter might be given more thorough consideration.

I believe it would be well for you and Rabbi Brickner to meet with him and go over the situation.

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

On February 18th, the Third Annual Educational Dinner of the Hebrew Schools will take place. At this dinner all the people in our city, interested in Jewish Education, gather under the auspices of the Cleveland Hebrew Schools and reaffirm their faith and interest in Jewish Education.

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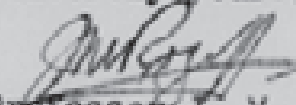
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You were with us at the First Banquet, and we missed you greatly at the dinner last year, during your absence from the country. We hope that you will find it possible to be with us this year.

We aim not to make too many demands upon your time, yet we do sincerely hope that you will be with us on this one Annual Occasion.

With kind greetings,

Sincerely yours,


Professor J. M. Rogoff

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January 29, 1934.

Mrs. Adeline R. Rosewater,
1541 Rydalmont,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Rosewater:

When I received your note of January 25th, I was surprised that you scheduled the opening of my course for February 5th. The last information I had a few months ago was that my course was to open on February 12th, and I have accordingly scheduled it for that evening. I am to be in Cincinnati on Monday evening, February 5th -- an engagement made many months ago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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On the Occasion of his Fiftieth Birthday

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January 30th, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Our good friend, Abraham Goldberg, who has gained distinction as publicist, lecturer, communal worker and above all, advocate of Zionism, will attain his fiftieth birthday on February 23, 1934.

A circle of his friends and admirers has decided to observe this anniversary with an appropriate public gathering. In connection with this celebration, it is also contemplated to issue a volume of studies and essays outlining Mr. Goldberg's public activities and reflecting, at the same time, various phases of Zionist history and thought, with which his work has been especially identified.

The articles, to be presented in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, are to be from twelve to fifteen hundred words in length and we feel confident the contributions will reveal a variety of observations and ideas, which beyond serving as a tribute to Mr. Goldberg, will tend to strengthen the Jewish National ideal, in which he is most interested.

Assuming that we may count on your co-operation in this enterprise, I venture to ask you to write and send us an article fulfilling the above requirements. We shall appreciate your assistance all the more, if you will kindly bear in mind the circumstance, that the article has to be in our office not later than Tuesday, February 20th.

It would further facilitate the task of the Committee of Editors, if you will kindly inform us whether we may expect a contribution from you.

With many thanks for your consideration and assurances of esteem, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
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January 30, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th St. at Angel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been placed in the embarrassing position of having been compelled to promise to solicit a favor from you for somebody else. Dr. George Leikin who spoke at the Men's Society meeting here this month asked me to recommend him to you. During your absence last year he addressed the High School Department of the Temple and proved to be a very interesting and stimulating speaker. His address to the Men's Society in Pittsburgh was even more successful. He captivated the audience with his religious sincerity and his Old World charm. At the close of the evening he was surrounded by a very large group who insisted upon asking him questions in regard to the subject which he discussed, "The Jews In Russia and Europe".

Dr. Leikin himself is in exile from Russia and his wife, a physician, is a refugee from Germany. The family is greatly in need of money. I think it would be an act of charity and a good thing for the Men's Society or the Alumni Association if the Temple would procure his services as a lecturer.

I realize that you are very busy with sermons and lectures and I hope that you will not consider this letter an imposition on your time. Please express my very best regards to Mrs. Silver, Danny and Raphael. I hope by this time the children have discovered which language is spoken in the United States.

With every good wish for your personal and public life, I remain

Cordially yours,

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Rabbi Silver,
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are planning an interesting observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization of the Associated Charities, now the Family Service Association.

A dinner meeting will be held Monday evening at 6:30 at the Y.W.C.A. The speaker will be Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, President of Washington and Jefferson College. Dr. Hutchison has long been interested in Social Service Work and is a speaker of national reputation.

As a former Member of the Board of Directors, you are cordially invited to join with us in the anniversary observance.

Very sincerely yours,



J. A. Bloch, President
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am compiling a series of periodical articles which I believe could be read profitably by college students. The authors of the several articles are well qualified to speak on matters of interest and importance to the group mentioned. I should be pleased to have your permission to reprint the title shown below. On account of the limited market and the reluctance of publishers to accept financial responsibility at this time I would be greatly obliged if consent could be granted gratis. As compiler, I am not seeking profit.

I have permission of the publisher to proceed with the reprinting, subject to your approval.

Very truly yours,

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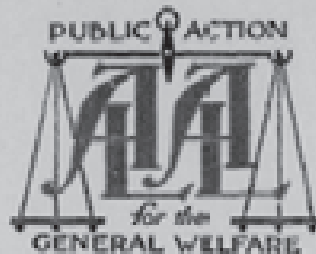
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To Our Members:

When Senator Wagner introduced in Congress today the new plan to tax employers' payrolls - with their contributions to state unemployment insurance systems fully credited against this Federal tax - he launched what may result in the greatest legislative protection to the workers since accident compensation was adopted twenty years ago.

Secretary Frances Perkins predicts this will result in the enactment of state unemployment compensation laws in most of the states within two years.

The unique value of this Federal proposal is in its complete abolition of the "interstate competition" obstacle while furnishing a compelling economic incentive to adopt state legislation. Here is the promised fulfillment of a program for which we have long prepared.

Senator Wagner has also introduced our Association's local job insurance bill for the District of Columbia which fits into the national plan. And he has introduced our Federal accident compensation bill for the protection of workers injured in interstate commerce.

We now have an exceptional opportunity - under wise national leadership - to secure adoption of these sound measures at this session of Congress. But we must act promptly.

Our Committee wishes to thank you for your prompt payment of dues this year. In view of our immediate need for additional funds to defray costs of postage, printing and attendance at hearings, will you not secure a new member or suggest some means of getting further contributions for this special work?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

JBA:GH

February 6, 1934.

Dr. J. E. Seyfried,
The University of New Mexico,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My dear Dr. Seyfried:

In reply to your letter of February 3rd,
I wish to say that you have my permission to
reprint my article "Recreation and Living in
the Modern World in your book for college
students.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

Dr. Abram Simon

February 6, 1934.

May I add my voice to those of many other friends and admirers of Dr. Abram Simon in extending to him my heartiest felicitations on the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary as Rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. Dr. Simon is one of the great spirits in the Jewish ministry in America. He brought to his distinguished ministry, scholarship, dignity, deep earnestness and spirituality. He has never been swayed by the passing fads and fashions of the hour but has chosen to devote himself to those values which are timeless rather than timely. He has been a faithful son of Israel, ready at all times to champion the rights of his people and its historic ideals. We all wish him many more years of continued service in our common cause.

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My dear Rabbi:

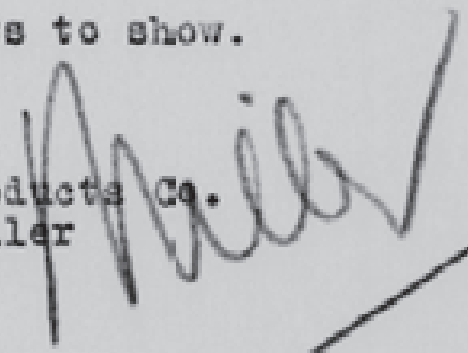
I have been making a talk at luncheon clubs including the City Club, at one of their mid-week meetings, on the subject of freight rates as a barrier to recovery. The freight rate question is one of major importance and has been given quite a lot of attention during the past year by John Love. Slowly public interest is being aroused.

If you have a men's club which might be interested in this address I shall be glad to present it at any time it is convenient. My friends at the City Club were kind enough to say that the speech clicked whatever that means. I undoubtedly held the interest of my hearers which was a little surprising to all of us because the question is technical. I have gathered up, during two years study, quite a lot of interesting facts and have some charts to show.

Sincerely yours,

CWM:CK

The Hickory Clay Products Co.
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February 8, 1934.

Mr. Cloyd W. Miller,
% The Hickory Clay Products Company,
750 Prospect Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you kindly for bringing
to our attention the contents of your
letter of February 6th. Unfortunately
our programs for the remainder of the season
are filled as they are planned early in the
year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ANS:BX

February 9, 1934.

Mrs. Jennie Zwick,
4 Station WJAY,
1224 Huron Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Zwick:

Enclosed herewith is a biographical
sketch of Rabbi Silver which I promised to send
you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Sec'y to Rabbi Silver.

February 9, 1934.

Mr. Marvin C. Harrison,
Standard Bank Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Harrison:

Senator Wagner has informed me that he will arrive in Cleveland at 6:44 P.M. on Wednesday.

I have written to him stating that you would like to meet with him to talk over our Unemployment Insurance Bill and requesting that he meet with you in my study after the lecture. Please come back to my study right after the lecture. Rabbi Feuer will introduce you to the Senator. I am sorry that I shall be out of the city on Wednesday. I have a long standing engagement in New York to attend the testimonial dinner which is being given that evening to Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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February 16, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
E. 105th Street & Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Two years ago you graciously permitted the use of your name in connection with my candidacy for this Court. Therefore, it may not be inconsistent with the proprieties for me to show my appreciation by rendering some sort of accounting of my first year's stewardship. This I now do by enclosing copies of recent editorials from various sections of the State.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Carl V. Wetgandt.
Chief Justice

THE SUPREME COURT'S RECORD

An Editorial Appearing in the January 24th issue, Youngstown Vindicator

An admirable record was made the past year by the Ohio Supreme Court, which kept up with the mass of litigation, despite the fact that the work increased 14 per cent over the previous year. During the year more than 935 matters were decided as against 822 in the year before Carl V. Weygant of Cleveland, formerly on the Cuyahoga County Court of Appeals, became chief justice. The volume of work in the State's highest court had become a problem which in a year has been successfully met and justifies the change in leadership which resulted from the last state election.

In the campaign of 1932 it was argued that the election of the Cleveland judge would make an end of the dissension in the court which had hindered its work for some time, and harmony and cooperation might be looked for under a new head. The prediction has been made good as the record of the year's work shows. An increase of more than a hundred decisions in a year with an increase in the work shows that the court has been harmonious, and the record gives promise of a quality of judicial work that was not to be expected without cooperation.

A RECORD OF INDUSTRY

An Editorial Appearing in the January 24th issue of The Toledo Blade

The official record of the Ohio supreme court for 1933 shows that under the first year of the leadership of Chief Justice Carl V. Weygant, the seven judges disposed of 248 cases and some hundreds of motions and other matters - 935 in all as against 822 during the previous year. The judges kept well abreast with a thicker docket and completed the heaviest twelve months' work in the court's 130 years of history.

While mass production of decisions by the judiciary is impossible, and has not been attempted, the high court's record of accomplishment seems to have ^{been} matched by the equity, courage, learning and research revealed in its opinions and rulings.

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February 17, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The play at the Hanna Theater which our Committee is sponsoring has been postponed one week. There will be three performances in all--February 16 and 17, with matinee on the 17th. The "Russelli Players, as you know, are the performers, and they will give "On the Firing Line" on the above mentioned dates. You know also, perhaps, that these players are without sight, and are from Cleveland. They have done wonderful work before under the direction of Mr. Robert Colnago, who is a well-known director of amateur plays. The players will also share in the proceeds and should the show go over big, they will be encouraged to put on similar shows in other cities. Will you not, therefore, announce from your pulpit the dates of the performances and ask your many friends to support the play by coming down to see it?

Respectfully,

Leonard A. Robinson
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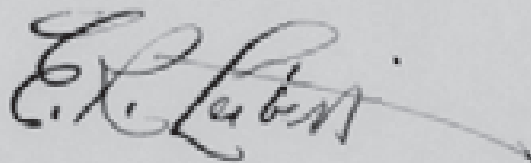
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am indeed sorry you can not join our list of speakers,
because I am certain your name would have been a real addition
to our group. I hope that sometime in the future when your
responsibilities will permit that we may again raise the question
with you.

I should like very much to place some of our speakers
with you for engagements at The Temple either during the remainder
of this season or next season. Stanley High is to be in the
Middle West and might go to Cleveland for an evening engagement
on Friday evening March 16th or Saturday the 17th, or Tuesday
the 20th. As you probably know, he spent last summer in Germany
and has articles in Harpers and other magazines on the German
situation, and aside from that is an unusually brilliant and
popular speaker.

Sincerely yours,



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February 21, 1934.

Dr. A. H. Silver
1485 East 106th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the suggestion of Professor Morris R. Cohen I am sending you under separate cover proof sheets of a booklet, "Towards an Understanding of the Jews."

Professor Cohen has been good enough to help us in the preparation of the booklet, and suggested that you would be willing to read it and make your suggestions and improvements.

Our plan is to have this book distributed to newspapers, libraries, and to Christian speakers, so that it can be a source book for information about the Jews and for material upon which they could draw for addresses on the subject of the Jews. We do not expect this pamphlet to be completely authoritative or encyclopedic. We want it to be very accurate and, at the same time, present it in such a manner that it will be useful as a handbook.

I should appreciate it very much if you would read this carefully, edit it for errors, and take as much liberty as you want to suggest improvements, omissions, and additions, etc.

Very cordially yours,

Sidney Wallach
Sidney Wallach

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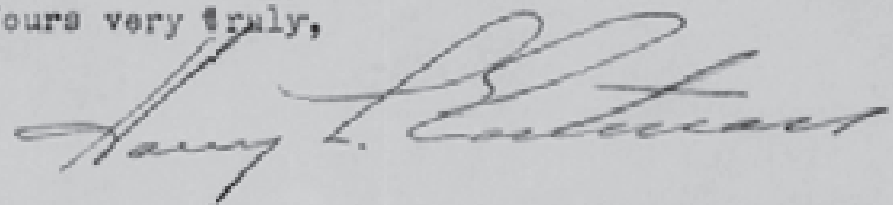
My dear Rabbi Silver:

The time has come when I must again prepare for nomination and election to the office which I am now holding. The nomination is by petition and, of course, it is of a non-partisan character.

The petition requires a committee of five persons to represent the candidate. The sole purpose and function of this committee under the law is to select a candidate in my place in the event of my elimination, by death or other reason, between the date of nomination and election. Realizing the importance of this position to the community, I am desirous of getting people on the committee who have an understanding of the work and the type of person who should occupy the position.

I have selected five outstanding citizens who I feel would give the necessary thought to the filling of this position if it became necessary. I have thought of you as one who might consent to be a member of this committee. Can you without embarrassment and with propriety consent to the use of your name for this purpose? In your reply, will you kindly indicate the correct way to use your name.

Yours very truly,



Judge.

P.S. I have asked the following people for the privilege of using their names on this committee:

Honorable Newton D. Baker
Mr. Harold H. Barton
Right Reverend James A. McFadden
Mr. James F. Malley

RABBI LOUIS D. GROSS
188 JORALEMON STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

February 27, 1934

Dr. Abba H. Silver
105th St & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was happy to learn from Mr. Leibowitz who spoke to you over the phone Sunday evening that you are in sympathy with our movement known as Brooklyn Jewish Democracy and that you will send a message of greeting and encouragement for the great mass rally which will take place Sunday evening, March 4th at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Your message may be addressed to Samuel S. Leibowitz, Esq., 225 Broadway, New York.

I am very much interested in this movement and regard it as a fine declaration of self-respect on the part of our people.

You may be interested to know that in addressing many groups here in Brooklyn in behalf of the movement I have quoted you especially referring to two sentences of which you are the author. One of them was this: "It is better and far nobler to be persecuted for our significance than to be tolerated for our insignificance." The other one--"It is nobler by far to suffer blows in battle than to be kicked and buffeted in mute and cowardly submission."

Our program which is a frank and candid effort to unite our people for a square deal in public and economic life through political action is not liked by the cringing, crawling type of our people nor by those who are in the saddle. But we are going right ahead and the movement is meeting with remarkable response. The mass rally at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Sunday evening, March 4th will be broadcasted on WJCA. Among the speakers will be Senators Copeland and King. Your message will add a great deal to the event.

With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February 27, 1934.

Dr. H.S. Linfield,
Jewish Statistical Bureau,
125 East 65th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Linfield:

I would appreciate it if you would let me have, by return mail if possible, some statistics about the financial contributions, donations and endowments which the Jews of America have made to colleges and universities in this country within the last fifteen or twenty years. The statistics need not be absolutely complete. A fair approximation of the number and amounts would be sufficient. I am interested in the secular institutions, not those of a special Jewish character.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE JEWS OF AMERICA

March 1st, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

A group of Brooklyn Jews have organized themselves as the Brooklyn Jewish Democracy, Inc., stating that their organization is "frankly Jewish and undisguisedly political." In their incorporation papers, they announce their purpose "to unite and coordinate the Jewish citizens of Brooklyn in a solid, formidable phalanx so that, through united political action," they may accomplish their purposes. In speeches and articles made at meetings by the organizers, they indicate definitely that what they desire is "proportional political representation" on the basis of the Jewish population in Brooklyn.

Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Editor of The Day, speaking at their meeting on Sunday, said:

"We are being discriminated against, in and outside of our party. We are not getting the number of teachers, high-school principals, and office holders that we proportionately rate. But this will end when we band together and become a power in this largest Jewish city of the world, where every one in three is a Jew."

The danger of such an organization, with such a political program under the Jewish name is, to our minds, obvious. You may recall that, on a similar occasion many years ago, the late Louis Marshall said:


"To my mind nothing can be more objectionable than to revert to such practise. It is undignified, it is un-American, it is un-Jewish Whenever I hear of any body of men who thus brand themselves politically, I immediately ask myself, what is their game, whose political chestnuts are they seeking to pull out of the fire, what is their conception of citizenship and politics, whose collar are they wearing and what boss are they seeking to influence? Every decent thinking man, when confronted with such a situation, recoils in disgust."

In the light of this and the evident danger that lurks in any political organization on the basis of religious alignment, we would appreciate

your opinion in the matter. Specifically, we would like to have a reply to the following questions:

- (1) Can you reconcile Americanism in its truest sense with an attempt to achieve political ends through religious organization?
- (2) May it not be that the self-segregation of Jews on a political basis in a city like New York will affect the Jews throughout the United States?
- (3) Is not such an organization political dynamite which may be used by those in America and abroad who would segregate the Jews on the principle of minority, racial or national lines?
- (4) Would you sanction or oppose any such organization in your own community?

Sincerely,


Isaac Landman
Editor

March 1, 1934.

Mr. Sidney Wallach,
Information and Service Associates,
169 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wallach:

I am returning under separate cover the proof sheets of your booklet "Towards An Understanding Of The Jews." Taken all in all, I think it will prove a very helpful and satisfactory compilation about things Jewish. I have made numerous marginal notes, some of which are quite important.

I believe that under the heading of "The Charges and the Facts", a statement should be included as to the reasons why the Jews are represented beyond their quota in the professions and in business etc. A brief historical statement would prove very helpful. You know, of course, that much of the anti-Semitic propaganda has been based upon the charge that the Jew is averse to manual labor -- so called productive labor, etc., etc.

Please pay particular attention to my comment on the chapter "Jews and Communism." In an effort to protect ourselves against the charge of communism, we are in danger first of committing the Jewish people as such to one or another economic theory, and secondly to render anomalous the position of three million Jews who live today under Communism in Russia.

I believe that too much space is devoted to the doctrines of Judaism. The modern anti-Semite does not devote his energies to any extent to attacking the religion of the Jews. Furthermore the theology of this article is definitely orthodox or conservative, and many Jews, especially of the liberal wing, would not subscribe to it. You should either include a

Mr. Sidney Wallach

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statement outlining what the belief of reform or progressive Judaism is or you should indicate at the beginning of the article that what follows is the theology of orthodoxy.

In your statistics throughout you seem to stop at the year 1926. It would be very helpful if you brought up your statistics to the year 1932 or 1933.

In conclusion let me say that I believe that a special chapter should be devoted to the way in which the American Jew cooperates with non-Jewish organizations for the common good, along the lines suggested in my answer to Dr. McAfee which appeared in the Jewish Daily Bulletin a few weeks ago and which is reprinted in this week's issue of the Christian Century. The belief that the Jew is isolating himself culturally and not giving himself completely to American life is widespread even among the liberal and intellectual circles of America. Perhaps this statement should come after the 1st paragraph under section II -- "The Charges and the Facts."

Under "Quotations", I would include a biographic note concerning the men whom you are quoting for the benefit of those who may wish to use those quotations. I would limit these quotations strictly to non-Jews.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your second telegraph. I am sorry you can not accept Stanley High on any dates but March 11th or 25th. He has a church near New York City which prevents him ordinarily from taking engagements on Sundays. During his trip to the Middle West, he will be absent from his church on Sunday the 18th. Unfortunately, we have already booked him for an engagement in the University of Illinois, or I would have suggested that date. In case you are in need of a speaker for either of these dates, I would like to suggest P. W. Wilson, Charles D. Hurrey, or Grover Clark all of whom have an unusually fine international background and are able speakers. I am enclosing folders which give information about each of the three. I believe I could send any one of them for one of the Sundays and that by taking advantage of excursion rates, we might offer them for the same flat fee of \$100. If you are interested in any of them, please write or wire me, otherwise do not trouble yourself by replying to this letter.

I hope we may have the opportunity of serving you now or at some time in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Leibert

E. R. LEIBERT
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*Dictated by Mr. Leibert
Signed by L. D. S.*

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March 5, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

March 17, 1934, Dr. Stephen S. Wise will be sixty years of age. Many of his friends throughout the country have asked how best they can mark this event and show their appreciation of one who has done so much for American and world Jewry.

Knowing that Dr. Wise would not accept any personal gifts, those who are closest to him and know him best feel that the finest thing that could be done is to create the Stephen S. Wise Sixtieth Birthday Fund to be placed in his hands for the several causes which are closest to him, and thus to free him from financial burdens so as to enable him to give his strength and devotion to the great causes which he has served throughout his life. The members of the Stephen S. Wise Birthday Fund are inviting Jews and non-Jews within and outside of New York to express their understanding and appreciation of the unique service which Dr. Wise has rendered to Jewish and non-Jewish causes alike for more than a generation by contributing to this fund.

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Faithfully yours,

Frederick L. Guggenheimer
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March 6, 1954

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for the trouble
you took to read our manual and for your
helpful letter and corrections.

We shall make good use of your sug-
gestions.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sidney Wallach".

Rabbi A. H. Silver
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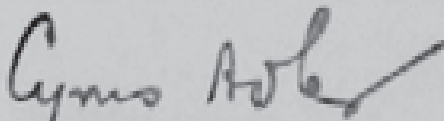
About two months ago, I wrote you briefly describing the work of this Seminary and enclosing a copy of my report for the past year.

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But the distinction which has come to the Seminary makes it essential that it maintain its high standards. It has done so during the years of the depression, and must not fail now. Both as President of the Seminary and as one who is interested in the welfare of our people generally, I beseech you most earnestly, to come to the assistance of this great institution, and to continue your customary support of it; and if possible, even to increase it.

Very sincerely yours,

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Will you please return to me, as quickly as possible, with your comments and corrections, the enclosed typed copy of your address to the World Fellowship of Faiths?

Also please correct, enlarge or improve in any way the following description of yourself as we have written it in our alphabetical list of the 201 participants in our sixty Chicago sessions:

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Messianic Speculations in Israel
Democratic Impulses in Jewish History
Religion in a Changing World



Dear Rabbi Silver: The enclosed is about as appropriate to the present situation in Germany today, as it was to Russia in 1882. Thought you would be interested in having it if you have not seen it. I like particularly the opening and closing paragraphs.

W.P.Kelly

645 Hanna Building

March 8, 1934.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

March 8, 1934.

Rev. Morris S. Lazaron,
1914 Madison Avenue,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Rabbi Lazaron:

With the assistance of the office force, we have observed all films with great care, and during the past month there has been no film which we would characterize as objectionable from the point of view under discussion.

I want to call your attention to a very marvellous film, "THE HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD", with George Arliss. I think this film goes a long way to correct previous undesirable impressions.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Marie W. Pressatman

Secretary.

March 9, 1934.

Miss Marie W. Prestman, Secretary,
Maryland State Board of Motion
Picture Censors,
211 North Calvert Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Miss Prestman:

I appreciate very much your co-operation. It is interesting, indeed, to have your comment that during the past month no film under your view could be characterized as objectionable.

I would appreciate if you would bear this matter in mind and note any future instances of the sort first brought to my attention by Mr. Gough.

I am, of course, vitally interested also in the larger social implications of movie influence and at the earliest opportunity plan to come up to talk the matter over with you. I should like to get your judgment and the judgment of the Committee on the problem of how far the movies are tending to vulgarize the public taste.

With kind regards and best wishes to Mr. Gough, who, I hope, is improving,

Sincerely yours,

Morris S. Lazaron.

MORRIS S. LAZARON
1914 MADISON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 9, 1934.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba: _____

I am enclosing copy of
letter just received from Miss
Presstman, secretary of the Mary-
land State Board of Motion Picture
Censors, also copy of my reply.
What is your further thought in the
matter?

With love to all,

Faithfull/,

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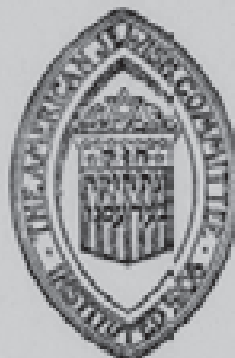
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March 9th, 1934

Important and Confidential

MEMORANDUM ON "JEWS MUST LIVE"

Our attention has been called to a book which has just been issued under the title, "JEWS MUST LIVE," which is advertised as a statement of "the case against the Jews." This book has been written by a Jew who has apparently issued it to profit by the wave of interest in the Jewish question and especially the anti-Jewish agitation resulting from the situation in Germany.

The book is plainly written for the purpose of catering to anti-Semites and of stampeding Jews into hysterical denunciation of the book. Nothing could serve the author better to popularize the book and to sell it in large quantities than to have Jews attack it publicly or make an issue of it. Years of experience have shown that such books thrive only on the publicity given them by Jews themselves. We respectfully suggest that any action that would in any way fall in with the author's plans be avoided. Purchases of the book, public discussion of the book, sermons on the book, reviews of the book will only help to stimulate an interest in it and expand its sales.

Morris D. Waldman

Secretary

TEMPLE BETH-EL

RABBI MARTIN FRIEDMANN, PH. D.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

March 11, 1934

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver -

I hope you will not consider it presumptuous on my part if I ask your assistance in a matter which concerns me very deeply.

I have a younger brother in Montreal, Canada, who emigrated from Germany a few years ago. He is an electrician, educated, energetic and capable. In spite of all his efforts, he can not succeed in finding work which will yield even the most moderate livelihood.

The difficulty is not the question of financial support. My parents are able to help him financially. But he is 34 years old and crushed by the thought that he is compelled to accept assistance when his healthy body and at least normal intelligence should enable him to support himself. He is not married.

He loves Palestine and is eager to go there. But his efforts to secure a "certificate" have been unsuccessful. I presume that you are molested with similar requests more often than you like. And I can only assure you that I have hesitated for a long time before approaching you in this matter. I am not motivated merely by my natural affection for my brother, but am convinced that his situation does deserve favorable consideration even from an impartial viewpoint.

My parents and other members of my family in Germany are making arrangements to go to Palestine. A young niece arrived there several months ago. Needless to say, they are very anxious to have my brother join them.

Would it not be possible for you to use your good offices and part of your influence to help procure for my brother a visa and residence permit for Palestine?

Eagerly awaiting your reply, and with sincere greetings,

Yours respectfully,

Martin Friedman

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OF THE GENERAL INTEREST WHICH WILL BE AROUSED BY THE SPECTACLE
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THIS HISTORY " FOOTSTEPS OF ISRAEL " TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR
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March 15, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Blvd.
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the \$25.00
which we received today through Mr. Shur.

We are mailing under separate cover the volume on
psychology and education. The second volume on economics and
statistics was mailed to you a long time ago- according to our
records on November 11, 1932.

We regret to say that we are entirely out of the
small book "KABALAS", but we are now writing to our main office in
Wilno to mail you a copy.

We herewith enclose a copy of a letter which we
sent to the Jewish Welfare Fund. We know of your sympathy for the
work of The Yiddish Scientific Institute and we also know of your
great influence with the Jews of Cleveland. We therefore turn to
you with the request that you use your influence on our behalf with
the Jewish Welfare Fund. We hope that our request will meet with
your approval.

Very truly yours,

YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE

N. Feinerman
N. Feinerman, Secretary

NF:SC

Copy

March 15, 1934

JEWISH WELFARE FUND
1900 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland Ohio

Gentlemen:-

THE YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE was organized nine years ago. From modest beginnings a work full of vitality has grown up with branches in twenty countries. The American branch has been in existence for nine years.

Through its achievements to date, its published series of historical, philosophical, economic, ethnographical and bibliographical volumes, through the extraordinarily rich material in cultural documentary evidence which it has accumulated through the erection of its own building in Wilno, the home of Jewish Science, it has won the recognition of both the Jewish and the non-Jewish world and the warmest sympathies of the world's cultural institutions of the Jews.

By its activity the YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE is rescuing from loss and oblivion the relics of the Jewish past and the gems of Jewish folk creation. It conducts research studies in Jewish history, and the Yiddish language and literature. It collects and works up the material for the comprehension of the economic condition of Jewish settlements. It is making researches into the peculiarities of the psyche of the Jewish child. This entire comprehensive activity of the Institute is being carried on through the collaboration of Jewish men of science.

In the Honorary presidium are included Professors Simon Dubnow, Albert Einstein and Siegmund Freud. In America has been organized an inter-university committee on Jewish social science for the furtherance of the work of the Yiddish Scientific Institute consisting of 22 professors from various universities under the leadership of the prominent Professor Edward Sapir. (A full list of the committee is attached.)

The Institute is supported ~~itself~~ partly by individual membership and contributions and in Europe, especially in Poland it has been supported by a number of Jewish community organizations such as the "Kahillahs". In America where there are no Kahillahs with a legal status, voluntary individual membership is the only source upon which we are forced to depend.

March 15, 1934

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In the meantime the Institute is doing its splendid work under economic conditions which only the most selfless idealism can endure.

We feel that although individual membership is still the backbone of our income, organized Jewish communal life should be at least our second financial resource.

We appeal to you as to the organized Jewish communal life in Cleveland, to include the YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE among those institutions worthy of your support and to appropriate a substantial sum for the work and activities of the YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

We hope that you will give this matter your very kind consideration. We beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE

N. Feinerman, Secretary

P. S. Enclosed kindly find a replica of a letter that Professor Edward Sapir of the Inter-University Council for Jewish Research sent March 6, 1934 to the Wilno representative of the YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, Mr. Jacob Szur, now on tour in the United States.

Replica of letter sent by Professor Edward Sapir to Mr. Szur of the Yiddish Scientific Institute.

Dear Mr. Szur:-

I learned from Dr. M. J. Karpf that you are in this country representing the interests of the Yiddish Scientific Institute in a drive for funds. As you know, the Inter-University Council for Jewish Social Research is not in a position at present to assist the Yiddish Scientific Institute directly but is, naturally immensely interested in the program of the Institute. I would like, therefore, to make a brief statement in behalf of the Inter-University Council for Jewish Social Research, and for myself personally, by way of endorsing the work of the Institute.

It seems to me that there are few cultural enterprises today which are of greater scientific value than the work that the Yiddish Scientific Institute has launched in Wilno. The varied volumes and numbers which the Institute has already published are an excellent guarantee of the high standard of the work which the Institute is to do in the future and I can hardly think of any institution that is devoted to Jewish cultural pursuits that would be more worthy of support than the one which you represent.

Jewish scholarship has, in the main, concerned itself with philological, historical and religious topics. It has tended to neglect the basic fields of economics, sociology and social psychology. It is very gratifying to realize that the Yiddish Scientific Institute is seriously turning its attention to these fields, for this means that Jewish scholarship is trying to integrate itself with contemporary work in social science. The field of research among contemporary Jewish communities, both in this country and abroad, is a vast one and perhaps there is no more important segment of this field than that which is embraced by the Yiddish speaking communities. Yiddish is a de facto language of probably a majority of Jewish people and therefore it would be obvious that no serious work in the understanding of contemporary Jewish problems can be undertaken except through the specifically Yiddish approach. It is astonishing that this simple fact has not been clearly realized up to the present. The Yiddish Scientific Institute deserves our admiration for its clear-sightedness, energy and high competence and I take the greatest pleasure in commending it to the earnest and sympathetic consideration of all those who are eager to do something substantial for Jewish scientific research.

Yours, cordially,

E. Sapir

March 16, 1934.

Mr. Elmer Lewis,
Friday Publishing Co.,
415 Empire Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I have just received the first copy of "Friday" and I want to congratulate you both upon the appearance of the magazine and on its contents. It is very attractively gotten up and is full of live and interesting matter.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

March 19, 1934.

Rabbi Martin Friedman,
Temple Beth-El,
Pensacola, Florida.

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

I wish I were in a position to assist your brother in the matter of obtaining a certificate for Palestine, but frankly, I know of no way of doing it. Has your brother been in touch with the Zionist Organization in Canada? The request should, of course, come from that office first. Failing there, the Palestine office in New York should be approached. Perhaps your brother or you have already done that. If so, let me know and I will write to the New York office and see what can be done.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 19, 1934.

Mr. W.P. Kelly,
845 Hanna Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Kelly:

Please pardon my tardiness in acknowledging your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the address delivered by Cardinal Manning in 1882. I had not read it before and I was impressed by the fine eloquence and thoughtfulness of the address by the famous Cardinal. I shall undoubtedly have occasion to quote from this address.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and with best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Palestine Vintners Helped by Repeal

**Were Faced With Critical Situation; American Agency
Lauded**

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

JERUSALEM, March 13.—Palestine wine growers, who were faced with a critical situation, have now been given a new lease on life and the prospect of a bright future by the lifting of prohibition in the United States and by permission granted by American officials for the importation of Palestine wines.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine today cabled the D & B Import Corporation of New York, declaring that the successful activity of the concern has improved the prospects of Palestine wine growers.

The Agency emphasized its anxiety to develop foreign outlets for Palestinian wines and congratulated the corporation for its services in marketing Palestinian wines. Since its assumption of the agency for the cooperative society of wine growers of Rishon-le-Zion and Zichron Jacob.

The Jewish Agency also cabled seasonal greeting to the Jews of America.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,
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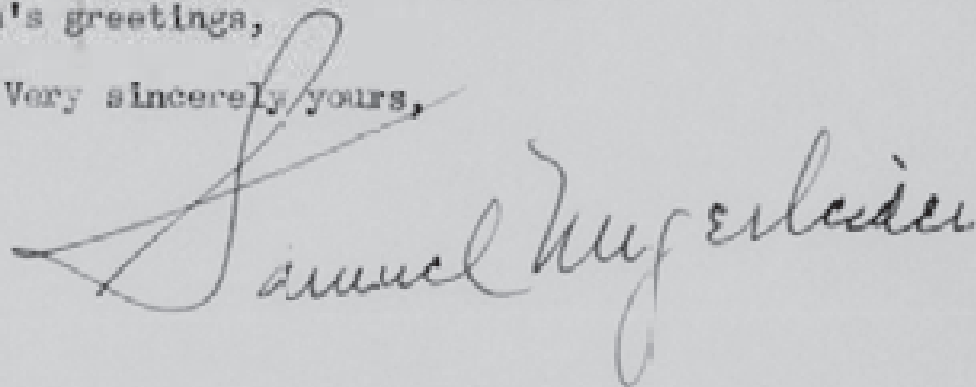
My dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed clipping from the Jewish Daily Bulletin will, no doubt, interest you.

I want to call your attention to the fact that D & B Import Corporation happens to be one of our subsidiaries. It pleases me very much that I have been able to contribute something towards the restoration of economic conditions in Palestine.

A copy of the original cable addressed to Robert Szold is enclosed herewith. With Zion's greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Haysel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Very sincerely yours,".

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816 Swetland Building,
Cleveland, Ohio,
March 19, 1934

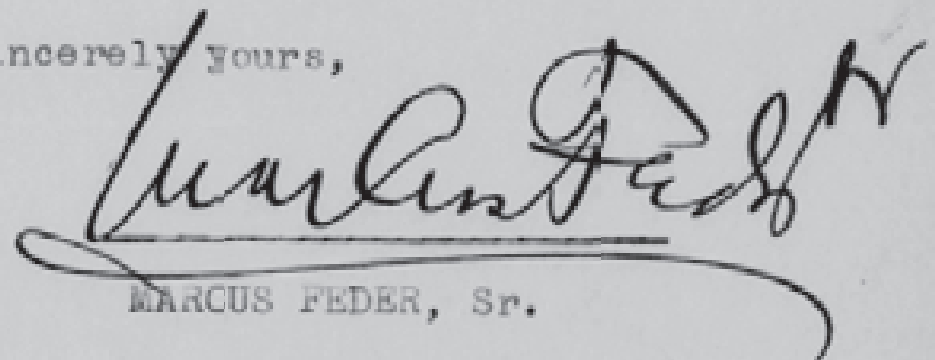
Eugene E. Wolf,
President The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wolf:-

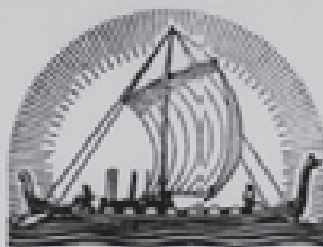
I am always willing to encourage any Institution promoting the interests of Judaism. To be frank with you our Board of Directors are showing a very poor example of their most conspicuous absence during our Saturdays' services conducted so inspiringly by our children. It counteracts all the noble efforts of our rabbis to re-establish our "SHABBS" which the German "AUSS JUDEN" have so disastrously transplanted into our own radical Jewish reformed Jews.

Appoint a committee of ten willing to attend Saturdays' services and refuse to have any member holding office unless he is willing to show a better example to our Children.

Sincerely yours,


MARCUS FEDER, Sr.

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Dr. A. H. Silver
105 St. & Amsel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We take particular pleasure in sending you a complimentary copy of Lion Feuchtwanger's new novel, *THE OPPERMANNs*, just published. As you doubtless know already, it is a picture of a German-Jewish family of today, telling the story of the Nazi terror through the eyes of real individuals. Its reception by the New York critics has been tremendously gratifying, and we feel sure that it will stand out as one of the most important books of our times.

We trust that you will have the opportunity to read it soon and will bring it to the attention of your congregation.

Very truly yours

M. A. Best

MAB/ee

THE VIKING PRESS INC.

March 22, 1934.

Mr. Salmon O. Levinson,
1 North La Salle Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Levinson:

I have just read of the honor which the French Government bestowed upon itself by honoring you with the decoration Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and I want to extend to you my heartiest felicitations. Your outlawry of war will be regarded in history as a tremendously important milestone in the nations' progress out of the barbarism of war to the civilisation of peace. As a rabbi, I am of course very proud that a Jew -- and a good Jew -- has thus made another essential contribution to the cause of international peace which was first proclaimed, you will recall, by the prophet Isaiah.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear wife in which Mrs. Silver joins me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 22, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
105th St. & Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I have suggested to United Artists, producers of "The House of Rothschild" - starring George Arliss, that they arrange for you a special preview screening of this picture, in advance of the official opening in Cleveland at the Ohio Theatre.

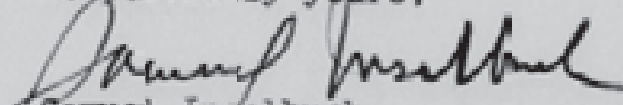
Mr. Jim Loughborough, the Cleveland representative of United Artists, will get in touch with you and arrange for the time and place to suit your convenience.

I wonder, my dear Rabbi Silver, whether you find the time to peruse the Yiddish press, and am, therefore, enclosing clippings from the Yiddish press, in which you may be interested, because they reflect the attitude of the Jewish masses towards this film presentation.

The handling of the Jewish exploitation of this film in New York and thruout the rest of the country, happens to fall in line with my work, as the organization which I head, is the exclusive representative of all the New York Jewish dailies in the amusement field for the last 15 years.

I will appreciate if you will let me have your reaction to this picture, and you may rest assured that as far as the publication of it is concerned, I will abide entirely by your instructions.

Respectfully yours,


Samuel Inselsbuch
Director

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GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

COLUMBUS

March 22, 1934

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The school situation in the country has become so serious that a national Citizens' Conference on the Crisis in Education is convening in Columbus on April 5 and 6. In order to arouse public opinion we should like to publicize a series of resolutions at the end of the Conference, signed by prominent citizens of the entire nation.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the proposed resolutions, and I very much hope that I may have your endorsement of them by return mail.

Very sincerely yours,

George W. Rightmire

GWR:CHM
Enc.

George W. Rightmire
President

We the undersigned citizens, observing the serious plight into which our schools have been forced because of the economic situation of the past four years, and sharing the conviction that the schools must be preserved as our basic democratic institution, submit the following resolutions in connection with the Citizens' Conference on the Crisis in Education being held at Columbus, Ohio, April 5 and 6, 1934:

1. We call the attention of the people of the United States to these disquieting facts about our schools and their enforced curtailments of educational services:
 - a. 3,500,000 children of school age were on April 1 deprived of all schooling: 110,000 of these children had their educational opportunities taken away from them when 2,000 rural schools failed to open in the fall of 1933. 140,000 were affected at the end of December by the closing of 2,600 schools; and a million more were, on April 1, forced to relinquish their educational opportunities by the closing of 20,000 additional schools. These groups in addition to the more than two million who have no educational opportunities even in normal times bring the total to three and a half million children who are today unable to share their traditional right to free education.
 - b. Even though the schools of the nation are responsible for 1,300,000 more pupils than in 1929-30, they are this year receiving approximately \$563,000,000 less for the education of their charges.
 - c. There are at the present time in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 young people between the ages of eighteen and twenty who are out of work and out of school and who are subjected to the influences that turn many of them to criminal tendencies. The United States Department of Justice has found that the majority of the 240,071 criminals whose finger prints were recorded last year were in the neighborhood of nineteen years of age.
 - d. It costs in the neighborhood of a billion and a half dollars each year for the people of the United States to incarcerate its 500,000 criminals, while it costs but two million more to educate its 26,000,000 school children.

2. We commend to the consideration of the citizenry of the country the stability, the saneness, the optimism, the patriotism of the American school teacher during these times of stress. Even though a third of the teachers of the nation have been reduced to salaries of less than the \$728 a year "blanket code" minimum established by the N.R.A. for unskilled laborers, and even though 40,000 of them are now owed more than forty million dollars in back pay and thousands of others are being paid in warrants cashable at high discounts, the teachers and school administrators of all the states of the union have devotedly continued to serve the rising generation.
3. We urge that every citizen interested in the future of our children and in the destiny of our nation assume personal responsibility to keep in constant contact with the educational situation in his community and with the officers charged with keeping the schools open and effective. In this crisis we must depend upon an aroused public opinion to ensure to the children of the country educational advantages as adequate as those made available in past years to present-day adults. We must not for a moment forget that education is the bulwark of our democratic society and our surest guarantee for the future.

March 23, 1934.

Dr. George W. Rightmire, President,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Rightmire:

I heartily endorse the statement
which you sent to me on the school situation
in the country and you may add my name to those
who will endorse it.

With best wishes, permit me to
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX



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March 23rd, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, City.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

In accepting the command of this organization tendered me at its last meeting I laid down as a *sine qua non* that I be authorized to appoint an Advisory Board of 15 from among the outstanding citizens of the community-clergy and laity. Naturally in making up such a list, you would be first in mind as representing the best Judiasim has to offer in America.

With your advice and counsel, I believe I can make our Chapter the outstanding useful service organization to disabled veterans in the country.

Unfortunately in the past, organizations and individuals have "used" the disabled veterans to gratify ambitions, political and otherwise, for their personal selfish ends. At no time have the disabled a greater need for disinterested friends than at this moment. Cuyahoga Chapter wants you on its Advisory Board; Cuyahoga Chapter needs you on its Advisory Board. Is it too much to ask that you help us with your counsel and advice?

Recognizing that there is a great demand on your time from other sources, I assure you that I will be considerate in my demands on it. Questions that are purely administrative and of the routine type will not be submitted to you. Matters vitally affecting the affairs of the disabled will not be disposed of without your advice and counsel.

Respectfully Yours,

Allan J. Wilson
Allan J. Wilson,
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March 24, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your commendation on our first issue of FRIDAY. I appreciate your interest and sincerely hope that we shall continue to merit your approval.

Hoping that FRIDAY can be of service to you and your Temple at all times, I am

Very Sincerely Yours,

Elmer Louis

Elmer Louis
Editor

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18 E. 41st Street,
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March 26, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was very good of you to send me your wire of
March 21st.

All of us are much pleased that the united campaign
is to be made and hope for its success. I thank
you very much for your words of appreciation.

Sincerely yours,


James G. McDonald

March 27, 1934.

Mr. M. A. Best,
The Viking Press Inc.,
18 East 43th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Best:

Permit me to thank you for your kindness in sending me a complimentary copy of Lion Feuchtwanger's novel The Oppermanns. As you will see from the enclosed Temple Bulletin, I spoke on this book last Sunday morning in my pulpit. Lion Feuchtwanger's profoundly moving novel is a chronicle, an expose, an indictment and a battle cry. The brutality of the Nazi regime and the tragedies which it caused in human lives is nowhere more forcibly recorded.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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March 29, 1934.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I promised to try to reconstruct my
remarks of last Sunday and I think the enclosed
is a fairly literal translation.

It was a very great delight to have met
and heard you and I am happy to have been given a
part in the entertainment of our Great Guest of
the day.

With every good wish to you,

Faithfully,



Encl.
REL-EAD.

Jefferson

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 29, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 125th Street and Ansell Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Inasmuch as April 13 marks the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, and inasmuch as many of the peoples and nations of the world are displaying a concerted antagonism to the doctrines of our Country, it would appear that April 13 presents a most opportune occasion for reiterating Jefferson's appeal for religious freedom. To quote from his Bill (in the Virginia Legislature) for Establishing Religious Freedom:

"Well aware that the opinions and belief of men depend not on their own free will, but follow involuntarily the evidence proposed to their minds; that Almighty God had created the mind free, and manifested His supreme will that free it shall remain by making it altogether insusceptible of restraint;..... We, the General Assembly, do enact, That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

May we venture to suggest that you use your influence in urging prominent non-Jews either to broadcast a re-affirmation of the Jeffersonian principles on April 13, or to issue a proclamation upon that date endorsing the philosophy of Jefferson and our dire need for such philosophy in this era of turbulent transition.

We would appreciate hearing from you in the matter.

Sincerely,

Jacob H. Rosenberg
Chairman

March 30, 1934.

Mr. Samuel Wingerleider,
Distillers Products Corporation of America,
21 West Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sam:

I was glad to receive your note informing me of what the D & B Import Corporation is doing for the wines of Palestine. I am delighted that you were able to create the vehicle ~~by~~ which the wines of Palestine might have a profitable market in this country.

My best wishes to you and your dear wife and family for a happy Passover.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

March 30, 1934.

Mr. Allan J. Wilson,
426 Erie Building.
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Permit me to thank you for your kind invitation to serve on the Advisory Board of the Cuyahoga Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War. I shall be pleased to serve.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX